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1. AT THE OCTOBER 19 INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE ICFTU WORLD

CONGRESS, ICFTU PRESIDENT DONALD MACDONALD DRAMATICALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SEND A SPECIAL MISSION TO CHILE TO PETITION THE GOC FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL AND TRADE UNION PRISONERS STILL BEING HELD IN CHILEAN JAILS(SEE REFTEL). STATING THAT ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY OTTO KERSTEN WOULD PERSONALLY HEAD THE MISSION, MACDONALD ASKED THE ASSEMBLED DELEGATES TO STAND TO SHOW THEIR APPROVAL OF THIS "COURAGEOUS" AND "HISTORIC" DECISION: THE ACTION CAME AFTER A LONG AFTERNOON OF INAUGURAL SPEECHES AND CAUGHT THE DELEGATES BY SURPRISE. THERE WAS NO DEBATE AND CONGRESS APPROVAL WAS NEAR UNANIMOUS.

2. MACDONALD ANNOUNCED THAT ADOLPH MIRKES OF THE GERMAN DGB WOULD ALSO BE A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL MISSION WHICH IN ITS FINAL MAKE UP CONSISTS OF KERSTEN, MIRKES, JONES (BRITISH TUC), MORRIS (CANADIAN CLC), MERCALO (COLOMBIAN CTC) AND RAMIREZ, SPANISH-EXILE ON THE ICFTU HEADQUARTERS STAFF. THE MISSION WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR SANTIAGO IN THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 19.  
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